

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A marked-up version of the claims that will be pending following entry of the present amendments showing the amendments made herein follows. Matter that has been deleted from the claims is indicated by strikethrough and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

1-14 (Canceled)

1 ~~15.~~ (Previously Presented) A sun protection product which comprises spherical microparticles wherein the spherical microparticles comprise at least one water-insoluble linear polyglucan having a degree of branching of less than 0.5% in the 6-position.

2 ~~16.~~ (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim ~~15~~, wherein the water-insoluble linear polyglucan has a degree of branching of at most 2% in the other positions.

3 ~~17.~~ (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim ~~15~~, wherein the microparticles have an average diameter of from 1 nm to 100 μ m.

4 ~~18.~~ (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim ~~15~~, wherein the depth of irregularities on the surface of the microparticles is at most 20% of the average diameter of the microparticles.

5 19. (Currently Amended) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the microparticles are present in the sun protection product in an amount of from 05.% to 70% by weight, based on the total weight of the sun protection product.

6 20. (Currently Amended) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the water-insoluble linear polyglucan is selected from the group consisting of poly-1,4- α -D-glucan, poly-1,3- α -D-glucan, and or a mixture thereof.

7 21. (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the water-insoluble linear polyglucan is produced by a biotechnological method.

8 22. (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the water-insoluble linear polyglucan is produced biocatalytically.

9 23. (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the microparticles further comprise branched polysaccharides and further polymers.

10 24. (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the microparticles comprise at least 70% water-insoluble linear polyglucan based on the total content of polyglucan in the microparticles.

11 25. (Previously Presented) The sun protection product as claims in claim 13, wherein the microparticles comprise 100% of the at least one water-insoluble linear polyglucan.

12 26. (Currently Amended) The sun protection product as claimed in claim 15, wherein the microparticles are dispersed in the sun protection product and have a dispersity in the range of from 1.0 to 10.0.

13 27. (Previously Presented) A method of making a sun protection product comprising preparing spherical microparticles comprising at least one water-insoluble polyglucan having a degree of branching of less than 0.5% in the 6-position.

14 28. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the microparticles have an average diameter of from 1 nm to 100 μm .

15 29. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the microparticles are dispersed in the sun protection product and have a dispersity in the range of from 1.0 to 10.0.

16 30. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 27, wherein the water-insoluble linear polyglucan is selected from the group consisting of poly-1,4- α -D-glucan, poly-1,3- α -D-glucan, or a mixture thereof.

17 31. (Previously Presented) A method of sun protection comprising applying a sun protection product which comprises spherical microparticles wherein the spherical microparticles

comprise at least one water-insoluble linear polyglucan having a degree of branching of less than 0.5% in the 6-position.

18/32. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the microparticles have an average diameter of from 1 nm to 100 μ m. 17

19/33. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the microparticles are dispersed in the sun protection product and have a dispersity in the range of from 1.0 to 10.0. 17

20/34. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the water-insoluble linear polyglucan is selected from the group consisting of poly-1,4- α -D-glucan, poly-1,3- α -D-glucan, or a mixture thereof. 17